

Meeting Notice

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Food, water issues on State Board of Health's October agenda

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Cherberg Building, Senate Hearing Room 3, Capitol Campus, 304 15th Ave. S.E., Olympia

OLYMPIA – A pair of environmental health measures will be up for public testimony and possible action when the Washington State Board of Health meets Wednesday in Olympia.

At 10:45 a.m., the board will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the state's food service rules, in part to follow federal codes. At 1:15 p.m., board members will take public testimony on potential rule changes affecting Group B public water systems, the state's smallest systems. The board may adopt the proposed rules at Wednesday's meeting.

In addition, Dr. Russell Maier, a family physician and chair of the Washington Dental Service Foundation, will speak to the board about improving oral health through preventive measures and initiatives among professions. The board will also be briefed on its HIV/AIDs testing rules to assure they are consistent with CDC recommendations for obtaining patient consent.

The meeting is open to the public, and the public may provide testimony on any public health issue at about 2:15 p.m. Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the board at 360-236-4100 or on the <u>Board of Health website</u> (sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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